Ministerial Meeting of the WTO in November 2001 and the Framework Agreement of July 2004. Further more, special and differential treatment for developing countries must be integral to all aspects of the negotiations, including through proportionately lower commitments and longer implementation periods for developing countries as compared to developed countries, and the negotiation of an appropriate tariff reduction formula that takes into account the different tariff structures of developed and developing Members. In order to safeguard their food and livelihood security and rural development needs, developing Members will be allowed to designate sensitive products and Special Products and a new Special Safeguard Mechanism to address any price depressions and surges in imports of agricultural products has also been agreed whose details are under negotiation.

World Bank Report regarding investment in India

1768. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent World Bank Report which says India fares very badly on the investment;

(b) if so, what are the comments of the Government on this;

(c) whether it is also a fact that compared to most other countries, including those in South Asia, the time for entry, exit and contract enforcement are much higher in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (e) World Bank's Report "Doing Business in 2005" analyses some factors influencing business environment in various countries. According to the report, India was amongst the top ten reformers in 2003.

Comparative position of India and some other countries, including Countries from South Asia, on 'Starting a Business', 'Enforcing Contracts' and 'Closing a Business' as reported in the Report is shown in the following table.

Country	Starting a Business (In days)	Closing a Business (In years)	Enforcing Contracts (In days)
India	89	10	425
Austria	29	1	374
Belgium	34	0.9	112
Brazil	152	10	566
China	41	2.4	241
England	18	1	288
France	8	1.9	75
Germany	45	1.2	184
Italy	13	1.2	1,390
Japan	31	0.5	60
Netherlands	11	1.7	48
Pakistan	24	2.8	395
Spain	108	1	169
Sri Lanka	50	2.2	440
Switzerland	20	4.6	170
USA	5	3	250

The Government has undertaken a number of initiatives including review/simplification of procedures and e-governance to address the various issues.

Increasing external demand for mango, grapes and onions

†1769. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact demand of Indian mango, grapes and specially onion is increasing for the last few years and being exported in large quantity;

(b) if so, the names of the countries from where demand is increasing; and

(c) the total export made during the last three years and the export being estimated for the coming three years?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.